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Applicants' filed a Petition on May 2, 2006 seeking the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority of prior-filed applications. In a Decision mailed on July 06, 2006, Applicants' Petition was dismissed because "the amendment, as worded, is improper". More specifically, the amendment was held to be improper because "it cannot directly claim benefit" to provisional applications filed more than 12 months prior to the filing date of the present application. The Decision observed, however, that a claim for benefit of priority of provisional Applications 60/327,099 and 60/327,071 "may be claimed through intermediate Application No. 10/264,937".

In order to rectify the deficiency of the previously filed amendment, Applicants' undersigned attorney spoke with Petitions Examiner Hicks on July 12, 2006. As a consequence, a further amendment to the specification is submitted herewith which avoids the deficiency cited in the Decision.

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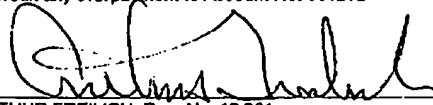
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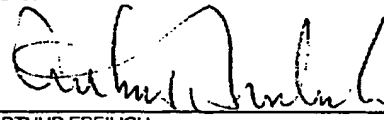
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